

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE**

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

~~“METHODS AND AGENTS~~ PEPTIDES FOR TREATING AXONAL DAMAGE,  
INHIBITION OF NEUROTRANSMITTER RELEASE AND PAIN TRANSMISSION, AND  
BLOCKING CALCIUM INFLUX IN NEURONS”

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0053] of the specification as follows:

[0053] The novel peptide of the invention is a peptide derived from the ankyrin binding domain of the L1 family members in which the carboxy-terminal tyrosine is substituted with phenylalanine and comprises the amino acid sequence QFNEDGSFIGQF ~~QFNEDGSHIGQF~~ (SEQ ID NO: 2). This amino acid sequence was derived from the 12 amino acid conserved region of the L1-CAM cytoplasmic tail that has been shown to be required for ankyrin binding to other L1-CAM family members (Zhang et al. J Biol Chem 1998;273:30785-30794). The tyrosine to phenylalanine substitution mimics the dephosphorylated, ankyrin-binding protein motif.